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**Newsletter: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to say 'thank you' as a staff for your kind words and condolences following the death of our lovely colleague, Miss Campanini. For staff it has been especially difficult but I am proud of how professional everyone has been and our first priority has been for the children. The community has pulled together and we have been inundated with offers of support so that staff have the tools to support children for whom this may be difficult. If you notice that your child may be struggling, please make sure you let us know. When the time is right, we will mark Miss Campanini's impact on our school and create something more permanent to recognise this.

## SENCO update

With the support of Mrs Cachra, Deputy Head and Inclusion Lead, Mrs Duke is taking on the role of permanent SENCO at Eastbury Farm. She is very much looking forward to working with parents so together we can support any child who may have a barrier. Working together we can ensure that all our children have the potential to progress through our curriculum and be prepared for the next stage in their education.

Georgie, our School Family Worker, along with Mrs Duke will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October (8:45 -10:15), the focus will be additional needs and signposting of additional sources of support and information, all parents are welcome.

## General reminders

I just wanted to remind parents, and inform those parents who are new to the school of a few important 'rules' we have.

- We are a **'no nut'** school, so please make sure that everything you provide your child for packed lunch, or snack is nut free. If you are sending in treats because of a birthday or special occasion, please make sure they are **'nut free'**
- **Grapes** can be a choking hazard, we encourage healthy snacks but would request that you **cut grapes** in half if your child brings them in
- **Scooters and bikes** – please make sure your child wheels them on to the playground rather than by riding them, our playground is busy in the morning and this helps avoid accidents
- **Play equipment and balls** – as we can't supervise the play equipment and ensure it is used properly, we ask children not to use this before school. Similarly, playing with balls or kicking anything can potentially cause an accident on a busy playground at the start of the day.

Please support us to keep others safe on the playground and in school. Many thanks

## Parking

We have had several complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking. Can I kindly request parents to consider our neighbours by not blocking drives or parking inconsiderately. Inconsiderate parking also puts other families and children at risk. Many thanks

## Is your child eligible for additional funding and free school meals?

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. A separate letter will be going out to parents to explain who can apply. If you are not sure, I would encourage you to apply. This includes parents of children in reception, year 1 and year 2 who receive universal free school meals. You may still be eligible for this funding if you meet the criteria. Pupil premium

funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation

## Cost of living support



**Better Housing Better Health**  
The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

**HOME ENERGY ADVICE**

If you're worried about paying your energy bills, want to know how to make your home warmer or need advice on accessing financial support, Better Housing Better Health are here to help. We're a charity working locally to improve residents' domestic warmth and wellbeing and improve the energy efficiency of your property.

**BETTER HOUSING BETTER HEALTH CAN HELP WITH:**

- ENERGY BILL SUPPORT
- HOME ENERGY VISITS
- FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

**GET IN TOUCH**  
0800 107 0044  
[www.bhbh.org.uk](http://www.bhbh.org.uk)

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a not-for-profit service run by the National Energy Foundation, working to help residents living in or at risk of living in fuel poverty to access advice and support.

We have been delivering this service across Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire for over 10 years and in the past couple of years have expanded to cover the East of England including Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire & Luton, Milton Keynes, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Essex. **We're a service that's free of charge and open to all residents experiencing issues with their home energy.**

As part of our service, we have a helpline that's free to call where our team can give valuable tips on how to stay warm at home, provide free home energy visits, sign up those in need of additional support to the Priority Services Register and access grants for energy efficiency measures. We understand the physical and mental effects of living in a cold home, and we feel it's more important than ever to ensure everyone is living in a warm and happy household.

## Chess success



We were delighted to hear that Arjun, one of our pupils, has been extremely successful in one of the world's largest junior chess competitions – The Delancey UK Chess Challenge. Starting in the Megafinals, winning enough points to qualify for the Gigafinals, Arjun qualified (for the first time) for the Challengers! Arjun played a total of nine games over two days. Well done on your fantastic efforts Arjun in being part of a competition with thousands of entrants to playing with UK top 40 girls and boys in the U8 category!

## House Points

Thanks to the hard work of our team of EFSA volunteers and our parents' generosity in supporting our fundraising, we have been able to purchase a very visual system for displaying our house points. We use house points as part of our work on British Values, acknowledging respect, understanding of our behaviour expectations, taking responsibility for our own actions and promoting positively desired behaviours. Our aim is to collect for half a term at a time (fingers crossed we have enough tokens!) and then acknowledge the winning house) with a special treat, such as extra playtime. Having a visual reminder is a great incentive for the children



## Cedar in action!



Cedar class have been busy exploring their new classroom. They have been putting on their construction hats, exploring the bee bots and preparing their own snacks. Cedar have been fantastic at remembering to wash their hands first too. It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled in to the school routine.

## Punctuality

It would be lovely if all our children could be on time every day for learning. Currently, in the first two weeks of our term we had a total of 12 late marks, leading to over four hours of lost learning. This week lost learning totalled approximately 2 hours and there were ten late marks.

## Attendance

Well done to Cedar B, Pine and Spruce for a fantastic full week of attendance last week. In fact congratulations must go to all classes as we were over our target of 96.5% in every single one. This is a fantastic start to the school year. Let's keep this up and ensure all our children access their full entitlement of education.

This week I am even more impressed with everyone's commitment to coming to school every day. Congratulations to Pine for their 100% and to all our other year groups. Thank you parents for ensuring such a great start.

Pine	Spruce	Oak	Maple	Sycamore	Chestnut	Elm	Cedar B	Cedar A	Larch	Willow	Total
100%	99.3%	98.9%	98.7%	98.6%	98.3%	98.2%	98.2%	97.8%	97.7%	96.9%	98.4%



## Victorian School Day



To experience life as a pupil in the Victorian times, our year 5.6 classes had a fantastic immersive Victorian school day this week. Children learnt to compare their current experiences to that of children from the past. As well as experiencing the Victorian teaching style, they explored the types of games children may have played with.

## Democracy

Well done to all our children who stepped up and put themselves forward for one of our school leadership roles. Whether you were successfully elected or not – the fact that you were prepared to stand for election is something to be very proud of. Congratulations to our new leaders and the list of 'who's who' is shared at the end of this newsletter.

## Thank you and wishes for the weekend

With the sun shining and a sea of denim, we ended the week on a really positive note.

Thank you for all the contributions to Jeans for Genes Day. Together we make a difference.

Wishing all our families a happy weekend

Miss Ormonde



## Pupil Leaders

Role	Pupil Name	Year Group	Class
Head Boy	Raihanali Dewji	6	Sycamore
Head Girl	Ayla Poptani	6	Sycamore
Deputy Head Boy	Pranesh Dhineshtharan	6	Spruce
Deputy Head Girl	Lyla Barkatali	6	Willow
Red House Captains	Rafferty Stevens	6	Willow
	Chloe Pearce	6	Willow
Red House Vice Captains	Aliza Poptani	6	Willow
	Ayaana Gulamhusein	6	Spruce
Green House Captains	Ali Al-Sadiq	6	Sycamore
	Alisha Tank	6	Willow
Green House Vice Captains	Taran Chana	6	Willow
	Isla Waterston	6	Spruce
Yellow House Captains	Luca Lundie	6	Sycamore
	Haanah Dato	6	Spruce
Yellow House Vice Captains	Paige Woodland	6	Spruce
	Faez Hasan	6	Sycamore
Blue House Captains	Mark Kola	6	Sycamore
	Sara Ucrainet	6	Spruce
Blue House Vice Captains	Aaryan Lakhani	6	Sycamore
	Gabriela Rodrigues	6	Willow
Librarians (termly role)	Ralph Sharman	6	Spruce
	Amelia Kaveh	6	Sycamore
	Priya Shah	6	Willow
School Council Reps	Alice Webster	2	Chestnut
	Adele Simanskaite	2	Elm
	Ava Barnard	2	Larch
	Kyan Sharma	4	Maple
	Zayaan Nabi	4	Oak
	Azlaan Gillani	4	Pine
	Lase Adeniyi	5	Spruce
	Diya Shah	5	Sycamore
	Ellie Webb	5	Willow
Eco Warriors	Alfie Araujo	2	Chestnut
	Reece Chudasama	2	Elm
	Karina Metha	2	Larch
	Finn Stevens	4	Maple
	Avi Pathak	4	Oak
	Melody Sharman	4	Pine
	Evie McCann	5	Spruce
	Aari Patel	6	Sycamore
	Johny Zannettou	5	Willow